

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1677

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A RESOLUTION to recognize John B. Deakins, Jr., Washington County Road Superintendent, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, John B. Deakins, Jr., Washington County Road Superintendent, is one such estimable person who, having served with distinction for thirty-nine years as a member of the Washington County Highway Department, will soon take his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Tennessee, Johnny Deakins is a 1969 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School and attended East Tennessee State University, where he pursued a degree in engineering; and

WHEREAS, during the late 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Deakins worked with his father, John B. Deakins, Sr., constructing houses and roads and developing subdivisions; he was also the owner and manager of Deakins Ready Mix for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Deakins began his illustrious tenure with the Washington County Highway Department on April 25, 1983, as a mechanic before becoming a drill foreman, in which position he oversaw drilling for rock, laying out shots, and blasting at three different rock quarries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deakins was soon promoted to the position of Shop and Quarry Supervisor, where he was responsible for the oversight of the maintenance of all highway trucks and equipment for the department; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the highway system of Washington County, Johnny Deakins served as Assistant Road Superintendent for four years before being appointed Road

Superintendent for Washington County on November 1, 1992, a post he has now held for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty years, Mr. Deakins has managed day-to-day operations by conducting onsite inspections of complaints, inspecting bridges in need of repair, making final approval of all specifications to bids, preparing and finalizing the department's budget, and meeting with the Public Works Committee every month; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his peers in Tennessee and across the nation, Johnny Deakins has served on various committees with the Tennessee County Highway Officials and National Association of County Engineers; he is a former president of Region One and member of the Board of Directors of County Highway Officials; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his distinguished service, Mr. Deakins was named Outstanding County Official of the Year by the Tennessee County Services Association in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Deakins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Johnny Deakins has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Washington County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to John B. Deakins, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.